since 1992. The availability of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers is decided by the market forces of demand and supply. Union Government monitors availability of fertilizers at State level and State Governments are responsible for further distribution within the State. However, as can be seen, the availability of fertilizers in Punjab during current year is comfortable.

The following steps have been taken to ensure supplies of fertilizers as per demand:

(i) The gap between requirement and indigenous availability of Urea is met through imports:

(ii) Department of Fertilizers operates Buffer Stock of Urea, DAP and MOP through State Institutional Agencies/fertilizer companies in major fertilizer consuming States to the tune of 6.25 LMT, 3.50 LMT and 1.00 LMT respectively;

(iii) The movement of fertilizers is being monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system (www.urvarak.co.in) also called as Fertiliser Monitoring System (FMS).

Setting up of campuses of universities abroad

*228. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether on one hand Government is in the process of enabling foreign universities to set up campuses in India, and on the other hand several educationists want Indian universities to be allowed to set up campuses abroad;

(b) if so, whether Government has framed any guidelines and regulations permitting State universities to go abroad; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) A legislative proposal for regulating entry and operations of foreign educational institutions is being finalized. Universities and other public institutions may set up campuses abroad, if so permitted by the relevant legislative Act, or Memorandum of Association under which a university or institution is established. So far as privately funded universities set up under the Acts of State legislatures are concerned, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has framed regulations, namely, the University Grants Commission (Establishment of and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003, which, *inter alia*, provide that a private university can open off-shore campus(es) in foreign countries only after obtaining permissions from the Government of India and the host country. According to the UGC guidelines for considering proposals for declaring an institution as "deemed to be university" under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956,

it would be permissible for the "deemed to be university" to open academic Centre(s) in any of the foreign countries after obtaining due permission from Government of India and the host country.

Compensation to martyrs of 26/11

†*229. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways had paid compensation to passengers and police personnel martyred at Chhatrapti Shivaji Terminus during 26/11 terrorist attack in Mumbai;

(b) whether any provision has been made to provide job to one family member of the victims;

(c) if so, the number of families paid amount of compensation so far and the number of people given employment; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (c) In this tragic incident, Railways have already made *ex-gratia* payment in 147 cases amounting to Rs.5.22 Crore. Enhanced *ex-gratia* payment of Rs.10 Lacs to the dependent of each of the dead persons was made. Railways have also satisfied the decree of Railway Claims Tribunal for compensation in 32 cases (out of 103 cases filed) decided so far.

Regarding provision of job, Railways have also made provision for one job for a family member of those who died in this incident and have already offered employment to 31 persons.

(d) Out of 103 claims cases filed in Railway Claims Tribunal, 71 cases are pending in Railway Claims Tribunal for award of decree.

Out of 46 cases received for appointment, offers have already been sent in 31 cases. Reasons for not yet offering appointment in 15 cases are as under:-

- 03 cases are under process.
- 02 cases were not considered/regretted as in 01 case applicant was not dependent upon the deceased and in other case the dependent widow has already been appointed by other organization.
- 04 cases have been registered for minor for consideration for appointment when they attain 18 years of age.
- In 03 cases families have refused for appointment in Group 'D' posts. However, Railways would pursue the matter with the aggrieved families for amicably resolving the issue.
- In 03 cases, application/relevant documents have not been submitted. Railways are pursuing the matter with the aggrieved families requesting them to submit the applications and on its receipt Railways will consider those applications immediately.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.